



FRASER VALLEY SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the General Meeting Feb 27, 2022

Via Zoom

Chaired by Blair Wallace

Meeting commenced at 1:05 PM

Welcome – Blair welcomed everyone.

Attendance: **Brent's Bunch** (Betty Langtry), **Century House Squares** (Dianne Lewis), **Chuckwagon 8's** (Sandi Poje), **Chilliwack Rhythm Reelers** (Steve Armstrong), **Motiv8ors** (Nicholas Brendzy), **Royal Swingers** (Patrick Brownsword), **Stardowners** (Mary de Cario), **Swinging Hubs** (Norm Cox), **Swinging Singles** (Ron Fleck, Pat Gerbrandt), **Town 'n' Country Dancers** (Greg Dahlgren), **Valley Promenaders** (Wendy Krueger), **Wesburn Wranglers** (Caitlyn Brendzy), **White Rockers** (Diane O'Hara), Don Allan, John Corrigan, John Davidson, June Fitchett & Al Gibbs, Alex & Jean Galbraith, Betty Langtry, Eva Matheson, Brent Mawdsley, David McVige, Lyle O'Hara, Blair Wallace, Maureen Wilson, Dianne Wilson

We have a quorum.

Absent: **Abbotsford Grand Squares**, **Diamond Country Dancers**, **Guys & Gals**, **Quicksteppers**, **Surrey Square Wheelers**, **Wheeling 8's**, Dave Hammer, Ron Robertson

It was noted that some clubs who did not register for the current dance year (and some who have not registered for the year before) have now been removed from the FVSRDA club roster.

- **Delta Sundancers**

- **TW Twirlers**

Moved/Seconded: Diane O'Hara/Patrick Brownsword -- To approve the agenda as circulated -- CARRIED

Correspondence

The following have been sent since the last meeting (Sept 11, 2021) (7 cards)

Thinking of you card to:

1. Bernice Snook

Sympathy cards to the families of:

1. Gord Sewell
2. Bernice Snook
3. Tanye Heath
4. Marion Carr
5. Ron Fry

Speedy recovery card to:

1. Barb Tryssenaar -- who fell and broke her shoulder

Moved/Seconded: Ron Fleck/David McVige -- To approve minutes of previous meeting (Sept 11, 2021) as amended -- CARRIED

REPORTS –

a) **Treasurer's Report** – Don Allan -- (*financial report attached separately*)

Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Norm Cox -- To accept Treasurer's Report, as circulated -- CARRIED

b) **Vice-President's Report** – position is currently VACANT

c) **Valley Circle and Webmaster's Report**-- Blair Wallace

Valley Circle

- January issue was mailed out
- February posted online -- some clubs have started dancing -- needed to change ads to reflect new start-ups
- Blair will be posting the March issue online
- APRIL/MAY issue -- quandary -- some clubs dancing but some not -- postage expensive to mail out. Print some mail the rest -- but will be costly
 - A suggestion was made that Blair continue to post issues online until September, which he will do

Webmaster

- Blair working to keep it updated
- Let Blair know of anyone passing away and send him a link to the obit
- Working to update the directors
- Sent *out* information to get directory info updated -- a few missing at this time

d) **Promotion Committee** – Brent Mawdsley

1) Last meeting was held Oct 31, 2021

2) ***Radio Ad campaign*** on 104.3 The Breeze is under consideration

- a) 30 second ad to promote the idea of square dancing and direct listeners get more information about the activity and where they can learn to dance at 1-800-335-9433 &/or www.DanceForFun.ca as shown on the 4 permanent signs around the FVSRDA
- b) Targeting 35-65 year old's in the lower mainland
- c) Two 5-week campaigns with 25 ads per week, plus up to 25 bonus ads per week based on availability
- d) Total cost \$5000 (less than \$20 per ad) – would request funding from the BC Square & Round Dance Federation (BCSRDF) for the FVSRDA
- e) **If your club plans to hold a new dancer class and you would like to be included in this public advertising, contact John Corrigan at jcsqcaller@gmail.com or (604) 589-2774 as soon as possible with as many details as available**

3) ***Facebook Groups*** – Free promotional opportunity

- a) Greg Dahlgren has identified many Facebook user groups in the Lower Mainland with members that may be interested in square dancing and will post information about your upcoming new dancer classes

- b) If your club plans to hold a new dancer class and you would like to be included in this public advertising, contact Greg Dahlgren at gregda@outlook.com as soon as possible with as many details as available

4) BCSRDF 1-800-335-9433 Square Dance Info Line

- a) in 2021 the BCSRDF disbanded the Square Up BC marketing initiative which included paid Facebook advertising for new dancer classes and the toll-free Square Dance Info Line (used in 4 permanent signs around the FVSRDA and many other marketing materials)
 - b) each region must now apply to the BCSRDF for funding for their own marketing initiatives
 - c) With the help of our FVSRDA representatives to the BCSRDF, the Promotion Committee had the toll-free Square Dance Info Line reinstated
 - d) Brian Elmer answers the 1-800# and provides relevant information and local contacts re new dancer classes and forwards the caller's contact details with the nature of the inquiry to applicable club contacts
 - e) **If your club plans to hold a new dancer class and you would like to be forwarded the contact details of people that call the 1-800# with an interest in square dancing, send your club contact info to Brian Elmer at brian@squaredance.bc.ca as soon as possible with as many details about your planned class as available**
- 5) If you have any questions or suggestions about the Promotion Committee activities or promotion of square and round dancing to the general public in the FVSRDA, or would like to offer any assistance, or be part of the Promotion Committee, **please contact Brent Mawdsley at brent.mawdsley@gmail.com or 604-594-8622.**
- e) **Driscoll Award** – Ron Robertson -- absent
 - f) **BC Federation** – Betty Langtry -- nothing to report
 - Money is available for clubs
 - David McVige has forms -- send requests to him
 - An application was received from SSW
 - g) **Canadian Dancers Society** – David McVige -- nothing to report
 - h) **Gala Committee** – Dave Hammer - absent

The Gala committee met on Aug. 28, 2021 at the home of Betty and George Langtry.

We discussed the status of the COVID- 19 pandemic, the proposed hall and dancing protocols. After which it was decided (a vote was taken) to postpone the Gala that was to be held on May 14, 2022

Several reasons for the postponement were:

1. We didn't know how many clubs would be dancing prior to the Gala,
 2. We didn't know if there would be enough dancers to support such an event, and
 3. We could not predict what the status of the COVID- 19 pandemic would be at that time.
- Future committee meetings will be postponed until there is clearer picture of the progress of the COVID-19 pandemic.

i) **Vancouver & District Caller/Teachers Association** – John Corrigan

- Nothing to report
- Submitted a letter requesting that consideration be made for Region 2 to have a representative from each association -- we will be discussing John Corrigan's letter at the next FVSRDA executive meeting.

j) **Scroll of Honour** – Position is currently VACANT

- Barb Tryssenaar has officially stepped down from the position. I heard from Jean Galbraith that she has all of the Scroll of Honour material from Barb

Motion #1: Moved/Seconded: Norm Cox/Don Allan -- that Sandi Poje (a former Scroll of Honour recipient) be appointed as chair of the Scroll of Honour committee, which is made up of the chair and last 2 winners. Dancer recipient, David McVige, and caller recipient Wendy Krueger -- David and Wendy both accepted to be part of the Scroll of Honour committee.

- **Sandi Poje** has agreed to take over the job and will contact **Jean Galbraith** regarding picking up items that Barb passed on to her.

Moved/Seconded: Diane O'Hara/Pat Gerbrandt -- To accept items B to J as presented -- CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS-

1. **COVID 19 Back To Dancing Committee Report** – Blair Wallace (*attached separately*)

- Have always been considered a fitness/exercise activity
- Clarification of 'common areas' where masks must be worn
- Not required while exercising
- See attached report for details regarding COVID Safety plan protocol and updated restrictions.
- Blair has also provided an updated **COVID Safety Plan Example** (*attached separately*)
- If you have any questions, please contact Blair directly.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Vacant Executive Positions** – David McVige

- There are only 2 vacant now -- president and vice-president, as Sandi Poje has filled the Scroll of Honour chair position, with David McVige and Wendy Krueger completing the committee.
- AGM is coming up -- next meeting must be before July 1st
- This year is not an election year but we will accept anyone who is willing to step up to the vacant positions

2. **SSW new dancer grant application** -- Don Allan (*attached separately*)

This grant is from the deSmit fund for clubs who have new dancer classes

Motion #1: Moved/Seconded: Don Allan/Sandi Poje -- that the SSW new dancer grant application for the deSmit fund be approved -- CARRIED

GOOD & WELFARE

1. **Barb Tryssenaar** may be going home and will be starting rehab for her broken shoulder
2. **Betty Langtry** brought it to our attention that **Sandi Poje** has a birthday on March 2nd.
Happy birthday, Sandi!!

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **SSW** -- dancing started back up on Feb 22 for Plus dancers (with 4 squares) and Feb 23 for beginner/mainstream dancers (with 3 squares). Four new dancers showed up for the first night. One registered that night.
 - **Royal Swingers-- Patrick Brownsword**
 - Patrick asked Don for some clarification re: insurance
 - They hope to be starting up a few training dances in March
 - Patrick understands that they will not be covered by insurance.
 - It may be easier to pay the extra tariff at the hall instead
 - Don has asked that clubs send him a list of new club members each week and then send a cheque at the end of each month
2. Re: **dancer fees**:
 - Wendy reported that BC Federation treasurer Pat Zeeman confirmed at the Directors Meeting of Nov. 26, 2021 that the CSRDS is waiving fees for 2022.
 - The 3rd party liability insurance coverage remains in place for all members who have registered in 2022.
 - Clubs need to send the names of registered dancers to their provincial registrar.
3. **Swinging Singles** -- Pat Gerbrandt
 - There will be a name change for their club.
 - They started up this week -- Had 3 squares (a few short) on the floor
 - **Round dance** classes (6:30-8:30 PM) start again at Charles Rummel Hall
4. **AGS** is going to start after cold and flu season. They may aim for some Sunday summer dancing.

NEXT MEETING will be our AGM. Hopefully we can meet in person. Maureen will look into booking a time at Centennial pavilion sometime in May/June. We have a credit there. We will have to ask closer to the meeting date.

The **BCSRDF meeting** is usually held in April, but nothing has been planned at this time.

ADJOURNMENT by Don Allan @ 2:16 PM